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General Assembly
Seventieth session

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 — 25th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

   Managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590 and A/70/7/Add.42)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Human resources management (A/70/605, A/70/253, A/70/254, A/70/229, A/70/135, A/70/307, A/70/718, A/70/728, A/70/765, A/70/764, A/70/685 and A/70/685/Add.1) [item 139]

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590 and A/70/7/Add.42))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting.

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15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal briefing	
	Mr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
16:30 to 18:00	Informal briefing (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 139 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/70/254, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/70/605, A/69/283, A/70/253, A/69/117, A/70/135, A/69/332, A/70/307, A/70/229, A/69/572, A/70/718, A/70/728, A/70/765, A/70/764, A/70/685 and A/70/685/Add.1))	

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Thirty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 10:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
Sub-working Group 1		
10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
Sub-working Group 3		
10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11
Sub-working Group 2		
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
Sub-working Group 4		
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]	

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that *only* scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	1. United Nations Mission in Haiti	
	2. Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development
Briefing on organizational matters and logistics

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Her Excellency Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota (Zambia), will hold a briefing on organizational matters and logistics of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, *today*, 4 March 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 4 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Other meetings

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High-level event on "Teaming up to boost higher education opportunities in emergencies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Portugal and Qatar)

10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations Staff are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Portugal (Ms. Inês Coroa (e-mail maria.coroa@mne.pt; tel. 1 (212) 759-9444, ext. 2807); or Ms. Cláudia Figueiredo (e-mail claudia.figueiredo@mne.pt; tel. 1 (212) 759-9444, ext. 2912)).]

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal discussion with the 10-Member Group to Support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (organized by the Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ((IATT-STI))

14:30 to 15:50 Conference Room 8

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Wei Liu, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail liuw@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-3212; or please *click here*.]

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (on the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

High-level meeting on "Peace and Sustainable Development Education For All" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Kiribati and The International Women's Peace Group (IWPG))

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 9

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Justine Su, Permanent Mission of Kiribati (e-mail kimission.newyork@mfa.gov.ki; tel. 1 (212) 867-3310); or Ms. Jennifer Junn (e-mail nyiwpg@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 207-2504; or 1 (973) 204-7660).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 4 March 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:15	Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support (on the Secretary-General's report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse)
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting to hear a briefing on the implementation of the relevant provisions of resolution 70/232 entitled "Rights of Indigenous Peoples", on Monday, 7 March 2016, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 February and 25 February 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation for the increase in membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, on Wednesday, 9 March 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 March 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be

present at the meeting. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem (19-21 April 2016)

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem on Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; fax 1 (212) 963-3783). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; fax 1 (212) 963-3783) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, on Thursday, 21 April 2016. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here.* Delegations wishing to speak in the General Assembly segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

An informal briefing (closed) on "Construction and Property Management", by Mr. Stephen Cutts, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services will be held on Monday, 7 March 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the informal briefing, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-sixth session at Headquarters, from Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases", on Thursday, 10 March 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice. The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass. Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass are requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*) as early as possible but *no later than Saturday 5 March 2016*. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report, will be held on Monday, 7 March 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room F. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality on Wednesday, 30 March 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda", on Thursday, 31 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail leonc@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 March 2016, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2016/1 and E/CN.3/2016/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the secretariat *at the earliest convenience* the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Victor Leu (e-mails leu@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; Room S-3059; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

The sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 14, to Thursday, 24 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 14 March, at 10:00.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers for the general discussion is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in one Ministerial round table, *no later than today*, 4 March 2016, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Interactive dialogue with ministers

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the "Interactive dialogue with ministers" on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session

The forty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 11, to Friday, 15 April 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 11 April 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving Global Road Safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 7 March 2016, from 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Monday, 7 March 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 9 March 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 7 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1 (closed meeting).

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

Monday, 7 March 2016, from 10:00 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

International Women's Day Forum on "The business of inclusion: Global prosperity through women and girls empowerment" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Corporate Citizenship Center)

Monday, 7 March 2016, from 13:00 to 17:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucie Brigham, UNOP (e-mail brigham@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3441); or please *click here*.]

Special event on "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality" (on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2016) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Tuesday, 8 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Gale, UN-Women (e-mail cynthia.gale@unwomen.org). To register, please *click here*.]

Briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for the Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy and Peru)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalà, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).]

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).]

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).]

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).]

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).]

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 April 2016, at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its Note Verbale ODA/01-2016/FP, dated 4 January 2016, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 15 April 2016.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 3 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7641st meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Yemen to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien, via video-teleconference from Brussels.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Yemen.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Accession: El Salvador (3 March 2016)

Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 10 June 2010

Ratification: El Salvador (3 March 2016)

Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 11 June 2010

Ratification: El Salvador (3 March 2016)

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

Opening for signature

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony, convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on Friday, 22 April 2016, are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the

Office of Legal Affairs, *as soon as possible*, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

[Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org) or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693.]

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents* of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

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For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200 is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200 should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

For a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café.

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United Nations Treaty Collection
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www.icj-cij.org/

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www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
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www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

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A/70/760–S/2016/179	Item 34 — Prevention of armed conflict — Letter dated 24 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
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A/70/762–S/2016/187	Letter dated 25 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
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S/2016/203	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of the Russian Federation on the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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S/RES/2270 (2016)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7638th meeting, on 2 March 2016 [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*
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Economic and Social Council

2016 session

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Annual session 2016

DP/2016/8 Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2016 (25 to 28 January 2016, New York) [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238). The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings,* and *19:00 for the summaries.* The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance*.

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 7 March 2016

General Assembly

Seventieth session

15:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting to hear a briefing on the implementation of the relevant provisions of resolution 70/232 entitled "Rights of Indigenous Peoples".

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 February and 25 February 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. [webcast]

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 12:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

Informal briefing

"Construction and Property Management", by Mr. Stephen Cutts, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services

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Morning[1] to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Strengthening property management at the United Nations Secretariat (A/69/400 and A/69/571))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	To be determined	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

Sub-working Group 1

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 4

16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 2

16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]	

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that *only* scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Environment Programme
2. Executive meeting
3. Support account for peacekeeping operations

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Security Council

Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2016 session
Informal informal consultations

15:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room F

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here.*

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

The facilitator (Egypt) of the draft resolution on the multi-year programme of work of the Commission, will convene the informal consultations

Briefing

13:15 to 14:30		Conference Room 1

Briefing in preparation for the sixtieth session of the Commission

All are invited to attend

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving Global Road Safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

12:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room S-32MM2

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

10:00 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).

International Women's Day Forum on "The business of inclusion: Global prosperity through women and girls empowerment" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Corporate Citizenship Center) [webcast]

13:00 to 17:45 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucie Brigham, UNOP (e-mail brigham@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3441); or please *click here*.

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room C

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation for the increase in membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For more information on the event, please *click here.* Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, States will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Regarding signature of the Paris agreement, please see pages 21 and 22.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Tuesday, 8 March 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Informal preparatory meeting for the seventeenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus, will also be posted on the website of the Division as soon as available.

Twelfth round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22, and Wednesday, 23 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The informal consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Thursday, 10 March 2016
15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases".

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice.

The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass.

Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass are requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*) as early as possible but *no later than today 5 March 2016*. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016
Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

(e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session
(8-11 March 2016)
Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2016/1 and E/CN.3/2016/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the secretariat *at the earliest convenience* the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Victor Leu (e-mails leu@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; Room S-3059; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations
Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The facilitator (Germany) will convene informal consultations (closed).

Sixtieth session
(14-24 March 2016)

The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 14 March, at 10:00.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

For participation and seating arrangements members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in Ministerial round tables C and D, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail

alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), as round tables A and B, are oversubscribed.

Interactive dialogue with ministers

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the "Interactive dialogue with ministers" on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the p*articipation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016
10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day will be held on. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is three minutes. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Special event on "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality" (on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2016) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Tuesday, 8 March 2016
10:00 to 12:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Gale, UN-Women (e-mail cynthia.gale@unwomen.org). To register, please *click here*.

Women's International Forum: Meeting with the Academy Award winning producer and President of Women in Film (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 8 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 8 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

Briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for the Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy and Peru)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalà, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 17 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30

Trusteeship Council Chamber

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 April 2016, at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, from Monday, 15 to Friday, 26 August 2016, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights

of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its Note Verbale ODA/01-2016/FP, dated 4 January 2016, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 15 April 2016.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here.*

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here.*

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here.*

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here.*

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 4 March 2016

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

[archived video]

25th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

After-service health insurance

The Director, Accounts Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.42).

A statement was made by the President of the Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS). The Chair noted that agreement to this intervention was done on an exceptional basis and should not set a precedent.

A statement was made by the representative of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question just introduced would be held on that day, Friday, 4 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting, and would be coordinated by Mr. Marcio Burity (Angola).

Human resources management [item 139]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on: Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics (A/70/605); Practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/253); Mobility (A/70/254); Seconded active-duty military and police personnel (A/70/229); and Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/135).

The Director, Ethics Office introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/70/307).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/70/718, A/70/728, A/70/764 and A/70/765).

The Chair and Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Achamkulangare Gopinathan, introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint

Inspection Unit on the use of non-staff personnel and related contractual modalities in the United Nations system organizations (A/70/685).

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination, secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit just introduced (A/70/685/Add.1).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, "Access by staff representatives to the Fifth Committee", in particular paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 (a), a representative of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held on that day, Friday, 4 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Mr. David Karlsson (Sweden).

The Chair further informed the Committee that an informal briefing by Mr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, would be held on that day, Friday, 4 March, in the afternoon.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Uruguay (4 March 2016)

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

Opening for signature

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony, convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on Friday, 22 April 2016, are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, *as soon as possible*, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

[Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org) or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693.]

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents* of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200 is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall and Room GA-200 should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

For a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents

issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. During the main part of the General Assembly session (September to December), it is also issued in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish.

Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café.

DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

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General Assembly
www.un.org/en/ga

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Presidency of the Security Council
www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/

Security Council
www.un.org/en/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Security Council Subsidiary Bodies
www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

Economic and Social Council
www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

Office for Disarmament Affairs
www.un.org/disarmament/

United Nations Treaty Collection
http://treaties.un.org/

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
owww.un.org/law/avl/

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www.un.org/depts/dhl/

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www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

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www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 4 March 2016

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/RES/70/75 Item 79 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2015 — Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments [A C E F R S] — *35 pages*

A/RES/70/146 Item 72 (a) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

A/RES/70/149 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

A/RES/70/156 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Human rights and cultural diversity [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

A/RES/70/157 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

A/RES/70/159 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

A/RES/70/161 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — Human rights defenders in the context of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

A/RES/70/163 Item 72 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015 — National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

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A/RES/70/194 Item 20 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015 — Oil slick on Lebanese shores [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

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A/RES/70/216	Item 23 (a) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015 — Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
A/RES/70/218	Item 24 (a) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015 — Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017) [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*
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Security Council

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S/2016/199	Letter dated 29 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
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Economic and Social Council

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

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	Introduction and general discussion	
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15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Fifth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/70/668 and A/70/770*))	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting.

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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Sub-working Group 2

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Sub-working Group 4

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 1

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Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 17:20	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Working Group of the whole

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Sub-working Group 1

18:00 to 19:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

18:00 to 19:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that *only* scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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2. Executive meeting

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Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

10:30 to 13:00 — 1st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.3/2016/1 and E/CN.3/2016/L.1) [item 2]
3. Items for discussion and decision [item 3]
   (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/CN.3/2016/2/Rev.1 and E/CN.3/2016/3)

15:00 to 18:00 — 2nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(b) Transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/4 and E/CN.3/2016/5)

(c) Big data for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/6)

(d) National accounts (E/CN.3/2016/7)

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Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-sixth session the Commission, please *click here*.]

Commission on the Status of Women

16:00 to 18:00 — Conference Room F

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan

Other meetings

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Special event on "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality" (on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2016) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)) [webcast]

10:00 to 12:45 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Gale, UN-Women (e-mail cynthia.gale@unwomen.org). To register, please *click here*.

Women's International Forum: Meeting with the Academy Award winning producer and President of Women in Film (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General) [webcast]

13:15 to 14:30 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

18:15 to 20:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room C

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (at the expert level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room C

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (at the ambassadorial level)

16:30 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 14:30

Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation for the increase in membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting.

Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Friday, 18 March 2016
11:00

General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 70 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, States will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina

Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Regarding signature of the Paris agreement, please see pages 20 and 21.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Informal preparatory meeting for the seventeenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus, will also be posted on the website of the Division as soon as available.

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22, and Wednesday, 23 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Burundi configuration

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 Informal meeting Conference Room 8

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Thursday, 10 March 2016
15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases".

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice.

The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass.

Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass are requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*) as early as possible. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Briefing

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), the facilitator (Switzerland) will hold a technical briefing on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations
Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany).

Sixtieth session
(14-24 March 2016)

The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 14 March, at 10:00.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

For participation and seating arrangements members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in Ministerial round tables C and D, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), as round tables A and B, are oversubscribed.

Interactive dialogue with ministers

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the "Interactive dialogue with ministers" on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail

alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the p*articipation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016
10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00
Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is three minutes. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for the Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy and Peru)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalà, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Briefing on the Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland (7-8 April 2016) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

Thursday, 10 March 2016
10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emilda Nylander-Smith, CTITF (e-mail smithe@un.org).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (on large movements of refugees and migrants)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal briefing on "The establishment of a UN Live Museum" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and by the Association for a United Nations Live Museum)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room F

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kit Clausen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail kitcla@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 535-6736).

Briefing on the ILO report "Women at Work Trends 2016" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Sweden and by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
08:30 to 09:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

High-level forum on "Investing in adolescent girls to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Cap, UNFPA (e-mail cap@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5187).

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Informal briefing on the latest developments regarding the measures being taken in response to incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse, as contained in the Secretary-General's recently released report on the subject (A/70/729) (by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support (for the members of the Fifth Committee)) (organized by the Department of Field Support)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its Note Verbale ODA/01-2016/FP, dated 4 January 2016, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 15 April 2016*.

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. Doha, 8 December 2012

Acceptance: Botswana (7 March 2016)

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

Opening for signature

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony, convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on Friday, 22 April 2016, are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, *as soon as possible*, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their

behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

[Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org) or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693.]

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents* of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

For a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference

Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the General Assembly building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located in the Delegates Lounge in the General Assembly Hall on the 2nd Floor and in the Vienna Café area in the Secretariat Building.

DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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A/ES-10/713–S/2016/190 Identical letters dated 26 February 2016 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Economic and Social Council

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Fifteenth session

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Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238). The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings,* and *19:00 for the summaries.* The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance*.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.

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